

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 9-20 and 37-39 are currently pending in the present application.

The Examiner's indication of allowance and allowability for all the pending claims is acknowledged and appreciated.

The rejection against claim 9 under § 112, paragraph 2 is noted. To obviate the rejection, the Applicants have amended the noted limitations to be in the subsequent paragraph of the claim, as suggested by the Examiner.

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Conclusion

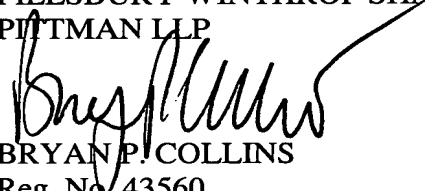
All objections and rejections having been addressed, the Applicants submit that the present application is in a condition for allowance, and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions or suggestions, he is invited to contact the undersigned to facilitate prosecution of this application.

Please charge any fees associated with the submission of this paper to Deposit Account Number 033975. The Commissioner for Patents is also authorized to credit any over payments to the above-referenced Deposit Account.

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